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## **MONTREAL, MO., MAN INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF THREE FIREARMS**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Montreal, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for being a felon in possession of three firearms.

**Michael Allen Reed**, 40, of Montreal, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City, Mo.

The federal indictment alleges that **Reed** was in possession of a Sturm, Ruger and Company .22 caliber rifle, a Sturm, Ruger and Company .22 caliber pistol and a CBC 12-gauge shotgun on May 19, 2003, in Camden County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Reed** has a 2001 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance in Camden County.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Camden County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Lake Area Narcotics Enforcement Group and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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